

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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Lieutenant Governor Cox,

Submitted below is the Governor's Office of Management and Budget's fiscal estimate for the Keep My Voice/Freedom of Association initiative:

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget estimates that the law proposed by the Freedom of Association Citizens' Initiative Petition would result in a one-time fiscal expense of \$30,000 and on-going savings of between \$30,000 and \$245,000 every two years by eliminating signature verification costs. Signature verification costs were roughly \$30,000 in 2016. If all candidates had submitted signatures, this cost would have been \$245,000.

The one-time expense of \$30,000 is needed for the cost of posting information regarding the proposed initiative in Utah's statewide newspapers and for printing additional pages in the voter information pamphlet.

Should you have any questions, please contact Richie Wilcox, Fiscal Operations Specialist, at (801) 538-1702.

Sincerely,

Kristen Cox

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